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SUBJ: GDR/CANADIAN ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. GDR-CANADIAN "AGREEMENT" MENTIONED REF B TOOK FORM OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE (BEING SENT SEPTTEL) TO WHICH CANADIANS SECURED GDR CONCURRENCE QUITE TO CANADIAN SURPRISE IN HELSINKI AUGUST 1. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HELSINKI ATMOSPHERE, CANADIANS SECURED GDR AGREEMENT "TO OPEN TALKS AT AN EARLY STAGE ON CONSULAR AND RELATED MATTERS, SUCH AS CITIZENSHIP, TRAVEL AND ASSOCIATED HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS, BEARING IN MIND PARTICULARLY THE TERMS AND SPIRIT OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT OF AUGUST 1, 1975." COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED NOTHING SPECIFIC CONCERNING FAMILY REUNIFICATION. ALTHOUGH THIS UPPERMOST IN CANADIAN MINDS AND THUS GIVEN STRONG PLAY IN CANADIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENT. AS EXPLAINED BY PRIMIN TRUDEAU IN AUGUST 7 PRESS CONFERENCE, GDR HAD PREVIOUSLY REFUSED EVEN TO DISCUSS FAMILY REUNIFICATION. AT HELSINKI THEY HAD REMOVED THAT OBSTACLE AND CANADIANS HAD ACCORDINGLY AGREED TO ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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2. ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN REF A, EXTAFF DEPUTY
DIRECTOR FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS HAS ADVISED
POLCONS THAT, SINCE AGREEMENT TO TALK GEARED TO
CSCE FINAL ACT, GOC CONSIDERS THAT IT DOES COVER
FIANCEES, COVERS BOTH PAST AND FUTURE CASES, BUT
REPRESENTS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE RATHER THAN SET OF
PRECISE MODALITIES. GOC HAS NO DATE IN MIND FOR EX-
CHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OR FOR "EARLY
DATE" FOR TALKS ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND OTHER
MATTERS. PORTER

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